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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS REGULATIONS BOARD
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[49 CFR Part 179]

[Docket HM-109; Notice 75-3]

TANK CAR HEAD SHIELDS

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

The Hazardous Materials Regulations Board is considering amending § 179.100-23 of Part 179 to allow a small opening on a head shield applied to DOT 112A and 114A tank cars built before September 1, 1974, to permit an existing hand brake bracket to pass through the head shield.

This proposed amendment was requested by the Project Review Committee of the Railway Progress Institute—Association of American Railroads Tank Car Research and Test Project. It would supplement the amendments proposed in the March 11, 1975 issue of the *FEDERAL REGISTER* (40 FR 11362).

In consideration of the foregoing, it is proposed to amend 49 CFR Part 179 as follows:

In § 179.100, paragraph (a) (5) would be added in § 179.100-23 to read as follows:

§ 179.100 General specification applicable to pressure tank car tanks.

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§ 179.100-23 Head shields.

(a) * * *

(5) On cars built before September 1, 1974, a portion of a head shield may be removed to permit an existing hand brake bracket to pass through the head shield. The opening may not extend more than one inch beyond the outside dimensions of the hand brake bracket and may not exceed 289 square inches. The inside and outside edges of the

opening must be free of burrs and chamfered to a minimum of $\frac{1}{8}$ inch. Each corner of the opening must be curved. The hand brake bracket must be mounted on at least a ~~3/8~~ thick steel pad which is continuously welded to the head of the tank shell, except for a small discontinuity in the weld for a weep hole.

3/8-inch

Interested persons are invited to give their views on this proposal. Communications should identify the docket number and be submitted in duplicate to the Secretary, Hazardous Materials Regulations Board, Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20590. Communications received before May 30, 1975, will be considered before final action is taken on the proposal. All comments received will be available for examination by interested persons at the Office of the Secretary, Hazardous Materials Regulations Board, Room 6215, Trans Point Building, Second and V Streets, SW., Washington, D.C., both before and after closing date for comments.

This notice is issued under the authority of sections 831-835 of Title 18, United States Code, and section 9 of the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1657).

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